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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. This is a very, very simple bill. It simply adjusts the effort rate in a program that we established last year for aid to counties. If you recall, we have a formula that distributes money to counties based on capacity as determined by their assessed value and their road miles. Last year, I think, when we debated the proposal, I said that the program was scalable. This bill actually scales it back just a little bit from where it would be if we did not make this change. The program would still grow but at a rate of 1.88 percent. If we do not scale it back, as proposed in this bill, it grows closer to 7 or 8 percent. The reduction is about \$300,000 in the possible growth of the fund. It would still grow approximately \$100,000 even with the change that I'm proposing to you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: You've heard the opening. There are no lights on. Senator Wickersham waives closing. The issue before the body is the advancement to E & R Initial of LB 669. Those in favor please vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 669.

SENATOR COORDSEN: LB 669 is advanced. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 64, Mr. President, by Senator Hilgert. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 7, referred to the Judiciary Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Hilgert, to open on LB 64.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President, members. LB 64, is a bill that died last year, it got out of committee. It got out of committee again this year. The vote was seven yeses and one absent. We ran out of time last year. It has been...this is nothing new. There is no fiscal impact to it. LB 64, basically, or 27.803, there is 22 sections currently in Nebraska law which are exceptions to hearsay. This makes a 23rd, which mirrors the federal rules of evidence, currently, Nebraska does